

application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CNYOG to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-64-000]

#### CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

January 7, 2000.

Take notice that on December 29, 1999, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP00-64-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate certain pipeline and compression facilities located in Pennsylvania and New York and approval to abandon a segment of a pipeline located in Pennsylvania, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

CNG requests authorization to construct and operate facilities in order to substitute its own transportation capacity for market area service entitlements that CNG currently holds on Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) pursuant to Contract No. 3919. Specifically, CNG requests authorization to: (1) Construct 13 miles of 30-inch pipeline, known as TL 474x2, to loop CNG's existing pipeline in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; (2) install 4,450 horsepower (hp) of additional compression at Punxsutawney Station in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania; (3) install 2,400 hp of additional compression at Ardell Station in Elk County, Pennsylvania; (4)

install 6,400 hp of compression at a new station, Little Greenlick Relay Station, in Potter County, Pennsylvania; (5) install 7,000 hp of compression at a new station site, Brookman Corners Station, in Montgomery County, New York; and (6) construct 800 feet of 30-inch pipeline, known as the Connector Line (TL-510), between TL-474x2 and LN-26 and LN-380 in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

CNG estimates the cost of the proposed project to be \$63.5 million and will be financed through funds on hand or funds obtained from CNG's parent, Consolidated Natural Gas Company.

CNG also requests permission to abandon in place 12.9 miles of 12-inch pipeline in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania known as LN-9 and physically remove 700 feet of that line.

CNG states that as part of CNG's Order No. 636 restructuring settlement, CNG agreed to assign its upstream capacity on Tennessee from the production area to a Zone 3 transfer point, while retaining the capacity from the transfer point to delivery points interconnecting with CNG in Tennessee Zones 4 and 5.

It is stated that as part of their conversion from firm sales to firm transportation service, CNG's converting sales service customers received assignment of CNG's capacity on Tennessee from the Gulf to Physical points in Zones 3 and to the transfer point, which is referred to as south Webster. It is further stated that under Tennessee's Contract No. 3919, dated October 1, 1993, CNG retained firm transportation capacity on Tennessee from South Webster downstream to the Zone 4 and Zone 5 delivery points to facilitate dispatching and no-notice service to CNG's customers.

CNG states that in order for Tennessee to preserve revenue neutrality, the upstream contract that feeds the CNG/Tennessee Contract No. 3919 must match exactly the maximum daily quantity of the downstream contract. It is stated that if a mismatch occurs, any such quantities on Contract No. 3919 will be priced to CNG at Tennessee's maximum tariff rates for FT-A services. Therefore, as CNG's assignees have elected to turn back upstream Tennessee capacity, CNG's costs would necessarily go up unless CNG chooses to turn back a like quantity of service downstream of South Webster.

It is stated that CNG and its customers have determined that CNG must take action to prevent the precipitous cost increase to its customers that would result from renewing the downstream Tennessee contract without corresponding upstream renewals.

Therefore, in Docket No. CP00-64-000,

CNG proposes to build facilities to enable it to serve its existing market without having to rely on Tennessee for the traditional looping service provided under this contract. Thus, CNG maintains that its customers will avoid the anticipated Tennessee cost increase that will result if CNG renews the contract at Tennessee's maximum rates.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Sean R. Sleigh, Manager of Certificates at (304) 623-8462, CNG Transmission Corporation, 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 28, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All Protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate and permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CNG to appeal or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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